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now come to the conclusion that, if no obstacles prevent me from going further, I will push forward, and then be guided according to circumstances. It is a great undertaking, and I am perfectly aware of the dangers attending such an expedition. I know that perhaps I may never come back, or may not have bodily strength to accomplish what my heart desires; it may be my fate to die a poor, lonely traveller, but I will try my best, and see no disgrace if I fail. I know, and you know also, that I have no other aim than that of enlarging our knowledge of this unknown part of Africa. I shall be obliged to take about 100 men with me, and shall start in a few days. I have sent to the British Museum some specimens of natural history, among which are seven skeletons of the gorilla and six skins preserved in salt. There are also a very curious ant-eater, probably a new species, and two skeletons of the chimpanzee. Among the live stock I have embarked a live gorilla. A few days before the departure of the vessel I had three of these animals alive; one of them, an adult female, caught after being wounded: it was a fearful sight to see the large animal, bound hand and foot, screaming with rage. Captain Holder, of the *Cambria* of Bristol, saw the three alive, and I have, besides, taken photographs of two of them."

2. *Journey to Kilima-ndjaro.* By the late RICHARD THORNTON, Esq.

THIS was a condensed account, from the voluminous MS. Journals of the late Mr. Richard Thornton, of the journey to Kilima-ndjaro, in which he accompanied the Baron von der Decken, as his scientific companion. The party left Mombas on the 29th of June, 1861, and proceeded first to the elevated country from which Mounts Killibassi and Kadiaro rear their peaks. This district is inhabited by the Wa-teita, a fierce tribe, who showed great hostility to the party, the fighting men assembling to the number of 200, and threatening the lives of the Baron and his two white companions. One of the principal objects of their stay at this point was, however, accomplished, namely, the determination of the altitude of Mount Kadiaro, which proved to be 4130 feet—a much lower elevation than that assigned to it by the missionary traveller Rebmann, which was 6000 feet. On leaving this district they diverged from the direct route and marched s.w. to the Paré Mountains, and thence, proceeding northerly towards Kilima-ndjaro, skirted the eastern shores of Lake Jipé, a sheet of water 20 miles in length, and in its wider parts, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles broad. The first attempt to ascend the snowy peaks was from Kilema, on the south-eastern slopes, whence

the whole of the upper cone of Kilima-ndjaro was distinctly visible. Failing here, owing to the opposition of the chief of Kilema, they marched round by the foot of the range to Madjame, on the south-western side, where they were equally unsuccessful; the suspicious savages of the district not allowing them to ascend higher than an altitude of 4867 feet. Here, at a distance of 15 miles, Mr. Thornton made numerous observations of the snow-clad peak. The top of Kilima-ndjaro appeared as a broad dome with a rugged blunt peak on its n.w. side of nearly the same height as the summit, and sloping away gently for a long distance; behind the eastern slope rose the very rugged, pointed top of the eastern peak. The snow showed beautifully on all these summits. The principal top had a good, thick, smooth coating of snow, with patches and streaks lower down lying in ravines; three times avalanches of snow with flying drift were seen rolling down the mountain-side. Mr. Thornton calculated the height to be 22,814 feet.

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